## Tewkesbury War Memorial Group

Minutes from the meeting 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017

1. **Present:** John Dixon THS (JD)

Rod Gurney (RG)

Peter Godwin RBL (PG) Paul Walker RBL (PW)

Chris Danter Town Council (CD)

John Savory RAFAV (JS)

Mike Kean-Price Town Crier (MKP)

Kevin Cromwell (KC)

Col Mike Bennet (MB)

2. Apologies:- Jason Kinghorn (JK)

Peter Aldridge Town Council (PA)

3. **Minutes** of the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 JD/MKP

Matters arising \_ RG stated that the warning on use of Social Media was omitted from the minutes. Confirmed that they would be added

Minutes approved.

**MB** as a representative of the War Graves and DL he does not agree with the Conservation Officer that two plaques are required, one would be all that was needed and would save money. Tewkesbury was the only place he had come across that was having two. He was prepared to take this up with the Conservation Officer.

**KC** explained that the Conservation Officer's instruction was to keep the Cross 'with a balanced approach' Also, the WWII plaque was an addition that he Cross was built to remember those who died in WWI and that it was important to have two so that they could be remembered in their rightful way and not one plaque noting those who had been 'missed off' as if their sacrifice was any less important. This reflected the poor communication methods in the past.

It was also agreed that it would be just the names that would be added so that in the future they would not be singled out as 'missing names' but recognised along with the others

After a discussion it was decided to ask the Foundry if there was sufficient space could these names be added to the existing WWII plaque? **CD** 

4 **Treasurer**: **CD** presented an update on the groups account 13/01/2016 giving the income and the expenditure account as it will be appearing on the Town Council's Accounts in future. **CD** confirmed that from a visit to Lloyds Bank she had received details of how to transfer the Group's account to the Town Council but that she had not been able to meet with the Clerk to take this forward yet, therefore there was still no cheques available for **JD**'s expenses.

**CD** confirmed that there was still no news on the fine from the courts but RG explained that this can sometimes take years as it depends on the Court's ruling for payment from the Defendant.

Col Mike Bennet (MBproposed that this Group should consider covering any overspend of the Town council's budget on damage so that the condition of the Cross can always be maintained. All agreed.

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**5. Plaques** Agreed to apply for two plaques and apply to the War Memorials Trust for a Grant.

Take the wording off and just to have WWI and WWII accordingly.

Request Sam E. To do a sample **JD** 

There are 14 names, 9 for WWI and 4 for WWII, that have been agreed and are proposed to be added to the memorial.

These details need to be put before Town Council for approval proposed for the July meeting JD

Needs to be on the Agenda for that meeting **CD** 

Once agreed Town Council to apply for Listed Building consent. **CD** 

## **6. Forthcoming Events**

Armed Forces Day. Flag to be flown from Town Hall from 19<sup>th</sup> until 24<sup>th</sup> June. 29<sup>th</sup> July Passchendale commemoration on Town Hall steps

Passchendale was 3<sup>rd</sup> Battle of Ypes which went on until 10<sup>th</sup> November but was the Battle when there were 27 Tewkesbury men lost.

**PW** gave an overview of the event – Muster 10.45. Explanation of the Battle. 2mins silence 27 names read out with Poppies being paraded by Boys Brigade? (RBL agreed to find poppy bearers)

Soldiers Prayer

Commonwealth Prayer.

Request Cannon Paul Williams conduct service PW/PG RBL

Names will be alphabetical so the Poppies can be prepared with two names **CD/KC** Invite to Town and Borough Mayors. **CD** 

Publicity for this event:

Description of event to appear on Town Hall notice Board CD

Tewkesbury Direct and The Echo JD

Social media PG

7. Armed Forces Day **2018** - ongoing

Next meeting 25 July 2017